

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
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THERMAL PROTECTION SHEATH AND
ITS FABRICATION METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-22.

Add the following new claims:

--23. (new) A thermal protection sheath including a substrate (10) and a reflective foil (20) fixed to the substrate (10, 14), the substrate (10, 14) being elastically deformable from a relaxed configuration, characterized in that the foil (20) is pleated on the substrate (10, 14) in said relaxed configuration and the pleats in the foil (20) are irregularly shaped and oriented.

--24. (new) A protection sheath according to claim 23, characterized in that the substrate (10, 14) has

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